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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRODUCTION FROM ALMA FIELD

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- 1. MFA (SABEL-ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR) HAS RESPONDED TO EMBASSY'S FEBRUARY 23 AIDE MEMOIRE BY SAYING THAT THE GOI POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT HAS NOT CHANGED. SABEL SAID THAT ISRAELI OIL OPERATIONS IN THE GULF OF SUEZ ARE A RIGHT OF AN OCCUPYING STATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE PROMISED A WRITTEN RESPONSE SOON. SABEL ALSO CITED A RECENT ARTICLE BY PROF. BAXTER IN THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AS SUPPORTIVE OF THE GOI POSITION.
- 2. LOCAL PRESS REPORT OF APRIL 6 QUOTES MINENERGY MODAI AS SAYING IN THE KNESSET THAT ISRAEL'S DISCOVERY AND EXPLOITATION OF ALMA FIELD GIVE IT THE RIGHT TO A SHARE OF THE RESOURCE UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND PRACTICES IN THE OIL PROSPECTING AND EXPLOITATION INDUSTRY, EVEN IF IT DOES NOT KEEP SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE GULF OF SUEZ. HE ADDED THAT SINCE THE ALMA DISCOVERY POTENTIAL INVESTORS HAVE SHOWN CONFIDENTIAL

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